

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By filing this Request for Continued Examination, applicants withdraw the application from issue, noting that no issue fee has been paid (due December 6, 2005). This RCE is being submitted for the purpose of amending certain previously allowed claims in order to more clearly distinguish those claims over the prior art of record. Specifically, applicants have amended claim 28 to specify that the water distribution plate has a plurality of stream receiving grooves and is supported on a normally non-rotatable shaft extending upwardly from the base. It is further explained that the water distribution plate is adapted to be impinged by a stream emitted from the nozzle to thereby rotate the water distribution plate relative to the shaft. The Examiner is requested to review claim 28 in light of U.S. Patent No. 5, 148,990 to Kah, Jr., that is already of record in the application. Specifically, the claim has been amended to more clearly distinguish over the embodiments illustrated in Figures 9 and 10 of Kah where the water distribution plates are fixed to rotary drive shafts that are in turn connected to internal drive mechanisms (see the discussion in columns 8-11 of Kah). In other words, while Kah discloses arc adjustment mechanisms in both of the embodiments illustrated in Figures 9 and 10, in neither case is the water distribution plate axially spaced from the base and the nozzle such that a stream emitted from the nozzle impinges on the grooves to thereby rotate the water distribution plate relative to the shaft as required by claim 28.

In addition, claim 29 has been canceled and claim 30 has been amended to depend from claim 28.

As a final note, the Examiner's attention is directed to the remarks that accompany applicants' Second Preliminary Amendment of January 31, 2005. In those remarks, applicants indicated that certain of the claims were amended to improve the consistency of claim language

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and that new claims 53 and 67 were added. Applicants inadvertently neglected to mention that claim 34 was also amended to delete the word "axially" in line 9 of the claim so as to broaden the scope of the claim. It is noted that the change was clearly indicated in the listing of the claims incorporated in that Amendment.

The application is now believed to be in condition for immediate allowance and early passage to issue is requested. In the event, any small matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned so that the prosecution of this application can be expeditiously concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

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